

**FURTHER ACCOUNTS OF LATE BATTLES.**

[Correspondence of the New York Times.]

WASHINGTON, August 31, 10 P. M.—A gentleman whose official position gave him the *entree* to Gen. Pope's headquarters, who talked freely with him and with a number of Generals and other prominent officers, and who observed with cool civilian eyes, left Centreville at about 1 o'clock to-day, and arrived here this evening. He supplies the latest authentic account of the situation.

When he arrived at the heights of Centreville, at about half-past 6 o'clock this morning, things appeared to his unpractised eye to be in no little confusion. Men roaming about singly, and in squads—guns in motion towards this and that point. But in the course of two or three hours he perceived order coming out of apparent chaos. The men who had been seeking their regiments had found them, and the regiments were marching and countermarching.—All the artillery, the supervision of which was intrusted to General McDowell, had found its place. All seemed ready to meet an attack, and strong picket guards had been sent out to look for the enemy, the order to one being to push on to Manassas.

The only officers who had much to say about demoralization or panic or disorganization were those whose appearance indicated that they spoke from personal experience. In General Pope's headquarters, which were established in a house on the street of Centreville, all was cool and serene. There, with the General Commanding, were Gens. McDowell, Reno and Reynolds, with other officers of high rank.—All were in good spirits, and sent the most cheerful messages to the Secretary of War.—They regarded their position as impregnable; were disposed, indeed, to invite attack; and were not apprehensive of any flanking movement by the enemy.

Although the officers at headquarters did not seem to be disposed to admit it in so many words, the inevitable inference from what they said was that we were defeated on Saturday.—Friday closed with a victory; we were driving the enemy back when night came on. But in the morning, as was soon made evident, he was stronger. A force estimated at 40,000 strong had marched to his relief through Thoroughfare Gap. Our line of battle was formed about six miles from Centreville, and not far from the old Bull Run battle-field.

Gen. McDowell was on the left, Gen. Fitz John Porter in the centre, and Gen. Reno on the right. The left fronted a heavy piece of woods, in which there was little show of force, while opposite the centre and right the signs were that the enemy had massed his troops.—Our forces were disposed upon the supposition that this was the case. But it was discovered soon after the battle began that the real strength of the Confederate army was on our left. Gen. Lee, who was in command of the whole Confederate army, had massed his troops on our left, and poured in a terrible fire, which caused Gen. McDowell's corps to waver and fall back. The battle raged all day, but the enemy proved too strong for us, and towards night our forces fell back to Centreville, leaving the killed and most of the more seriously wounded in the hands of the enemy. That enemy, luckily, perhaps, for us, did not pursue our retiring columns, and made no attempt to molest them. The retrograde movement was, according to the Generals and other officers with whom my informant talked, executed in good order.

Gen. Reno said that the real cause of our defeat was want of supplies. The horses had hardly anything to eat for from three to five days, and the men had fared little better. His words were borne out by the voracity with which staff officers, who usually have the best opportunities to secure what is to be had, devoured their breakfasts to-day. In spite of this, however, in spite of all drawbacks, to some of

which it is not yet time to allude, Gen. Reno and all the officers with whom my informant talked agreed that a column of ten thousand fresh troops would have changed the fortunes of the day. "Where is Franklin?" "Where is Sumner?" was the question. The answer I have given you in a previous letter.

**THE WAR IN THE WEST.**—A dispatch states that it was reported at Cincinnati that the Confederates were at Bayles' station, on the Kentucky Central railroad, thirty-nine miles below Cincinnati; and a second dispatch reports that telegraphic communication is open as far as Boyd's station, which is fifty-one miles from Cincinnati. In Cincinnati, yesterday, all business was suspended, and the citizens organized and placed on duty in fortifications. Earthworks were being thrown up on the Kentucky hills, opposite the city.

Gen. Buell arrived at Nashville on Tuesday, and had an interview with Gen. Rosecranz.—The Federal forces are reported to be moving in good order. A fight occurred at Medgar, on Tuesday, between a Federal and Confederate cavalry force, resulting in the defeat of the latter, who left one hundred and ten dead and two hundred and fifty wounded on the field.—The Federal loss, it is said, was only five killed and forty wounded.

A Confederate force of one thousand men was defeated a few days ago in a fight near Peterman's Ferry, on Currant river, Mo. All their camp equipage, wagons, and many prisoners were captured. The casualties are not reported. Poindexter, the notorious guerilla leader, has been captured, and has been condemned as a spy and will suffer death.

A Wheeling journal expresses the opinion that the Confederates have abandoned their intention to attack Clarksburg, and retired to their original position. A large Federal force had been concentrated in the vicinity of the village since Sunday.

**SUBTERRANEAN RAILROADS.**—For some years past the railroad companies running out of London have been building an underground railroad, to avoid the inconvenience and obstruction of travel on a surface railroad in a crowded city. On the 4th of August, a trial trip was made upon this underground construction, and the newspapers of London give the following brief account of it:

The engine consumes its own smoke and condenses its own steam—necessary qualifications in an underground locomotive—but it is quite capable of fizzing and whistling in the open air. The train moved at the rate of twelve miles an hour, and, as it passed along, the rumbling of wagons overhead on the great thoroughfares of London could be distinctly heard. There are several way stations on the road, which communicated with the outer world by means of cuttings, which are described as miracles of engineering skill. Passengers and baggage are received, and discharged at those places.

The steamer Asia has arrived with later advices from Europe. Garibaldi's position is without change. The ministerial address to Victor Emanuel recommending a state of siege in Sicily denounced Garibaldi as a rebel. It is reported that Gen. Cialdini is to be appointed military commander of Sicily. American securities were advancing.

The iron foundry (Scott's) was not destroyed, as stated, on the evacuation of Fredericksburg, and private property was strictly respected.

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